

New Delhi bomb injures 7 people

NEW DELHI (R) — A bomb exploded Tuesday in an underground shopping centre about four kilometres from the venue of the non-aligned summit conference here, injuring seven people, police said. A senior police official said the blast occurred shortly after the centre in Connaught Place, New Delhi's main shopping district, closed for the night. A woman shopper was among those injured. Another bomb was found on the roof of the complex but failed to explode, he added. Police found pamphlets allegedly from a Sikh student group near the site of the explosion, the official said.

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Libya calls on non-aligned summit to expel Egypt

NEW DELHI (R) — Libya called on the Non-Aligned Movement Tuesday to expel Egypt, or at least suspend its membership, until it tore up its peace treaty with Israel. Abdel Salam Jalloud, Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi's second in command, told the non-aligned summit: "My country demands the expulsion of Egypt, or at least the suspension of its membership, until it rescinds the Camp David peace agreements." He accused Egypt of violating the principles of the 101-nation Non-Aligned Movement and said it had become "the American policeman" of the Arab World. But after calling for Egypt's removal from the Third World grouping, Maj. Jalloud said he had no doubt that Egypt would return to the Arab fold.

Sterling falls to record low

NEW YORK (R) — The British pound sterling fell to a record low on the New York Foreign Exchange Market Tuesday. The currency was trading at \$1.4950/65 at mid-session after opening at \$1.5050/60 and closing at \$1.5120/35 Monday, dealers said. The fall took place against a generally strengthening dollar and uncertainty over the outcome of OPEC talks in London aimed at establishing new benchmark price that would avert an oil price-cutting war.

Iraqi donates 282 bottles of his own blood in 10 years

BAGHDAD (R) — A middle-aged Iraqi has donated 282 bottles of his blood to his compatriots during the past decade, the daily Al Jamahiriyah reported Tuesday. Othman Ahmad Jamil, an oil worker from Baghdad, told the paper he began to donate blood 10 years ago when he saved the life of a child who was having an operation in a Baghdad hospital. Since then Jamil has donated dozens of bottles of his blood to Iraqi soldiers who fought Israel in the 1973 Middle East war and those now fighting against Iran in the 30-month-old Gulf war.

Polish police deployed to prevent disturbances

WARSAW (R) — A big force of police was deployed around Warsaw University Tuesday to prevent disturbances on the 15th anniversary of student demonstrations in demand of freedom of expression. About 100 students gathered in the main courtyard of the university in the city centre and laid flowers by a plaque commemorating the 1968 events, but no trouble was reported.

100 people killed in Ethiopian drought

ADDIS ABABA (R) — Nearly 100 people have died in Ethiopia's Gondar region as a result of a new drought which threatens to be as serious as the 1974 drought which killed 200,000 people throughout the country, Ethiopia's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) said Tuesday. An RRC spokesman said the latest toll showed 96 people had died in the Libo area of the Gondar region since December.

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East-West clash on human rights

MADRID (R) — East and West renewed clashes over human rights. Poland and other issues at the European security review conference in Madrid Tuesday, breaking an undelivered truce of almost four weeks, delegates said. The new clashes came as delegates took stock of a long list of major topics that remained to be resolved in order to reach the required consensus on a final document to bring their 28-month-old meeting to an end. The 35-nation Conference on European Security and Cooperation (CSCE) is reviewing and updating the 1975 Helsinki agreements but is bogged down over East-West differences on human rights and terms for new all-European disarmament talks.

Backstage Arab diplomacy during summit Arafat agrees on PLO pullout; Gemayel assures safety of Palestinians

NEW DELHI (Agencies) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has assured Lebanese President Amin Gemayel that he is ready to withdraw all Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) forces still in Lebanon, and Mr. Gemayel has assured Mr. Arafat that the Lebanese authorities will be fully responsible for protecting Palestinian civilians and refugees living in Lebanon.

A PLO spokesman said here Tuesday that Mr. Arafat made the pledge at a meeting with the Lebanese President outside the non-aligned summit conference hall on Monday night.

Beirut Radio Tuesday reported that, during the meeting, President Gemayel told Mr. Arafat of the Lebanese responsibility towards the Palestinians.

But a Syrian spokesman denied that Mr. Gemayel also held substantive political talks with Syria's President Hafez Al Assad. He said the Lebanese leader had a brief meeting with the Syrian president after arriving for the summit but it was little more than a handshake.

The PLO spokesman said Mr. Arafat told Mr. Gemayel that a pull out of Palestinian forces would take place when requested by the Lebanese government "in order to facilitate the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon."

The spokesman said: "We shall not place any obstacles in the face of the Lebanese government to practice sovereignty over all Lebanese territory."

About 12,000 Palestinian commandos were left behind in Lebanon when the PLO withdrew most of its forces last year following an Israeli siege of west Beirut.

A PLO spokesman said, there were no plans for an early meeting

between Mr. Mubarak and Mr. Arafat.

But he played down differences between the PLO and Egypt, and Mr. Mubarak appeared to do the same.

In his summit speech, the president did not repeat charges he made before leaving Cairo that the PLO had interfered in Egyptian affairs.

In Cairo, he accused the PLO of trying to stir up trouble against his government over the Camp David peace accords.

Commenting on these remarks, PLO spokesman Abdel Mousen Abu Maizer told a press conference: "This was a misunderstanding either in good or bad faith... they have misread our resolution at the Palestine National Council (PNC)."

President Mubarak, addressing the summit, reaffirmed Egypt's support for the Palestinian cause and called for an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon, which Israeli forces invaded last June, as vital for Middle East peace.

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He did not rule out the possibility of meeting later but said nothing had been finalised.

A flurry of backstage Arab diplomacy took place at the non-aligned summit Tuesday as Egypt, ostracised by other Arab states since its 1979 peace pact with Israel, made up for lost time.

President Hosni Mubarak met Lebanese President Amin Gemayel, the rulers of Qatar and Kuwait and Iraqi Vice-President Taha Maarouf after talks Monday with King Hussein.

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No major breakthrough in Khalde talks

KHALDE, Lebanon (R) — Negotiations on Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon marked time Tuesday in the absence of key U.S. negotiator Philip Habib and senior Lebanese leaders.

Mr. Habib, the U.S. special Middle East envoy who has been trying to speed up the 10-week-old Lebanese-Israeli talks, flew home last week for consultations with U.S. leaders.

Lebanese, Israeli and U.S. teams held a 21st round of discussions at a hotel in Khalde, just south of Beirut Tuesday, but there was no hint of any major breakthrough.

An Israeli spokesman said his country still wanted to maintain observation posts in South Lebanon, to prevent the return of Palestinian commandos and was insisting on establishing normal trade and political ties with Lebanon.

Lebanon has rejected both demands and U.S. efforts to bridge the rift appear to have made little progress.

Israeli troops invaded Lebanon in June last year to attack Palestinian commandos and now control the southern third of the country.

Detailed talks on the departure of Syrian and Palestinian forces have been hanging fire while the Lebanese concentrated on trying to reach an agreement with the Israelis.

Lebanese sources said Mr. Gemayel met the Syrian president at an official reception in New Delhi Thursday night, adding that more extensive talks might be held Tuesday.

In Khalde, the Israeli spokesman said the negotiations had split into sub-committees, one discussing an end to the state of war between Lebanon and Israel, a second working on security arrangements and the withdrawal of forces, and a third studying future relations between the two countries.

He said Israel was insisting that their border should be open to trade and travel, despite Beirut's argument that this could mean economic disaster for Lebanon by prompting its Arab trading par-

tners to boycott its products.

But the Israeli spokesman said: "An open border is fundamental."

The spokesman accused Arab states of forcing Lebanon to resist normal relations with Israel and said: "We can't give in to a veto on peace."

Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Sallem said last week the country could face renewed civil war if it agreed to open borders. Lebanon has suggested postponing talks on the issue until after foreign forces have withdrawn.

Israel has not rejected this but says it wants the border to be open until these talks start.

On the issue of sticking point, observation posts, Lebanon and U.S. negotiators have raised the possibility of joint Lebanese-Israeli patrols as a way of stopping PLO infiltration into South Lebanon.

The Israeli spokesman said that although this proposal was being considered, his country still wanted fixed positions in South Lebanon as well.

Tlas says Syria ready to face attack

DAMASCUS (R) — The Syrian Defence Minister, Maj.-Gen. Mustafa Tlas, was quoted Tuesday as saying Israel and the United States were threatening to attack Syria.

In an interview marking the 20th anniversary of the military coup which brought the Baath Party to power in Syria, Gen. Tlas said Syria was taking great strides towards arms parity with Israel.

Despite tough statements on the missiles from Israeli officials, Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said last week that Israel had no plans for any military action against any of its Arab ne-

ighbours.

The Baath Party's Assistant Secretary-General, Abdulla Al Ahmar, also said the Syrian Armed Forces had increased their strength and were ready to defend the country and the Arab World as a whole.

In an interview with the party organ, Al Baath, he said Syria's relations with the Soviet Union were "witnessing a qualitative development which will lead to strategic relations against American imperialism and Zionism".

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Carter meets PLO officials in Cairo

appropriate for me to disclose their names."

PLO officials in Cairo said Mr. Carter had met two members of the PLO executive committee, Ahmed Sidiq Dajani and Nabil Shaat. The meeting took place two days ago in Luxor, site of Egypt's most famous tombs and temples.

Mr. Carter, who steered Egypt and Israel to their peace treaty in 1979, described his talks with the PLO as informal. "I am not recognising the PLO and I am not negotiating with the PLO," he said.

During his term of office, his administration made tentative overtures towards a dialogue with the PLO but was held back by an American pledge not to deal with the organisation unless it recognised Israel.

"I thought it appropriate for me to explore the ideas and concepts of everyone involved in the dispute," Mr. Carter said. His news conference about President

Reagan's proposal last September for Palestinian self-government on the West Bank and Gaza in association with Jordan. He said he saw no conflict between this and the Camp David accords.

He quoted extensively from the 1978 Camp David accords on which the Israel-Egypt peace treaty was based. These called for Palestinian participation in determining their own future and stated the right of the Palestinians to take part in negotiations about the final status of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Meanwhile in Washington, John Hughes, U.S. State Department spokesman, said Monday night former President Carter's meeting with PLO members does not signal any change in the U.S. government's policy toward the PLO.

"Our policy remains constant," Mr. Hughes said. "We will not meet with the PLO until it adheres to U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and recognises Israel's right to exist." Mr. Carter was asked at his news conference about President

are not meeting with the PLO. But President Carter is a private citizen," Mr. Hughes pointed out. "That's his decision."

Before leaving on his current trip to the Middle East, Mr. Carter met with Secretary of State Shultz, but Mr. Hughes said he did not think Mr. Carter's meeting with the PLO officials was discussed with the secretary or anyone else at the State Department.

He said: "As a courtesy, President Carter may have informed our embassy in Cairo" in advance of his talks with the PLO officials. But Mr. Hughes said the embassy did not provide Mr. Carter any assistance in setting up the meeting.

The spokesman said he did not know if Mr. Carter plans to brief department officials when he returns from the Middle East. "I would not rule it out," Mr. Hughes said, "but I don't know if there are such plans."

French left prepares fierce battle for final local elections

PARIS (R) — France's ruling Socialist Party and its Communist allies focused on their endangered stronghold of Marseilles as fierce campaigning began Tuesday for Sunday's second and final round of local elections.

In the first round last Sunday, the left lost 16 cities and the centre-right opposition was within a hairbreadth of winning Marseilles, France's second city and power base of Interior Minister Gaston Defferre for the past 30 years.

Political sources said the left-wing parties had chosen the sprawling Mediterranean port as the spearhead of their drive to prevent up to 30 more large towns from going right.

There was no public reaction from President Francois Mitterrand or his government to the outcome of last Sunday's voting. The first national test of the left's strength came on Sunday.

Some commentators blamed Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy for the government's defeat, but political sources said Mr. Mitterrand was unlikely to be rushed into cabinet changes.

Socialist and Communist Party leaders said they would campaign aggressively to try to restore the left's position, but added they faced a big task in the few days remaining.

The left's share of the total vote slipped to 48.53 per cent and was even lower in the cities. But party officials said the mobilisation of first-round abstainers could save key seats.

Socialist Party leader Lionel Jospin, a beaten candidate in Paris, appealed after a strategy meeting with the heads of other left-wing groups for a full turn-out on Sunday.

FEATURES

Dirt'ly phone calls: A profitable business

By Artur Spiegelman

Reuter

NEW YORK — It is against the law to make an obscene phone call, but you can now legally dial in New York.

In fact, you can dial a dirty call just the way you can phone for the weather, the right time, a joke or a prayer.

For the past two weeks, hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers have been calling 976-2727 to hear a young lady named Crystal breathing heavily and moaning with delight on a tape-recorded, 60-second message replete with X-rated chit-chat.

An unhappy New York telephone company admits it is making a profit from the recorded dirty calls.

The reason is that the phone company is no longer permitted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to run its own

"dial-it" information services but must contract them out to private businesses.

One of the first people to see the commercial potential of this was Gloria Leonard, the publisher of sexually explicit magazines such as High Society and Live.

When Miss Leonard heard that the phone company was holding a lottery for renting out its "dial-it"

information numbers, she put her name in the hopper and won. The result, she says, has been extraordinary.

"We are averaging between 300,000 and 500,000 calls a day and we don't advertise the number except in Live magazine," she said in a telephone interview.

The 60-second messages are uncensored in terms of sexual content, but Miss Leonard says the recorded messages are censored in a fashion — "We don't use any four-letter or hard-core words in

the interest of not offending anyone."

The phone company is less than amused by dial-a-dirty-call's success. "We just don't have the right as a public utility to decide what material can be used. All we provide is the transmission," a company spokesman said.

The New York telephone company receives six and a half cents for every call made after 100,000 are made each month. The company providing the service receives two cents a call after 100,000 are made each month.

Miss Leonard said her company did not go into the dirty call business to make money.

"We had a call-in service for readers of Live magazine and were getting a lot of complaints from callers that our lines were always busy. We saw this as a way to accommodate them," she said.

The phone company spokesman said the company had asked the Federal Communications Commission to do something to make it possible to get rid of dial-a-dirty call, but so far nothing has happened.

In a sense, the recorded 60-second call is only a variation on a theme. One of the latest rages in the city is calling up a Live model to talk dirty with. "Live phone sex is the latest thing," said Miss Leonard.

Callers to these services phone a listed number and reach a receptionist who takes their credit card number. After a credit check, the caller is put through to a model and the two talk sex at a cost of 30 or 40 dollars.

"This allows men to engage in a sexual dialogue they might otherwise be too inhibited to do," said Miss Leonard, a porn-film actress as well as a magazine publisher.

Miss Fisher starts to weep after a 24-year break

By Mark Matousek

Reuter

NEW YORK — Carrie Fisher, daughter of two show-business stars and now commanding high pay as an actress, is starring on Broadway in a heavyweight role she admits an emotional strain.

She is filling the title role in the play "Agnes of God" with co-stars Geraldine Page and Elizabeth Ashley, portraying a nun who has murdered her newborn baby and hidden it in a wastepaper basket.

Miss Fisher, now 26, is best known for her part as Princess Leia in the film "Star Wars." She is as familiar to cinemagoers as her mechanical co-star, R2D2.

Yet, sitting on the floor of a friend's opulent Manhattan flat during a recent interview with Reuters, dressed in baggy jeans and an old sweater, she hardly looked like a film star.

With sunglasses atop her head and a stick of gum in her mouth, the daughter of singer Eddie Fisher and Hollywood actress Debbie Reynolds looked more like a university student home for the weekend.

Her mother is starring in "Woman of the Year" two blocks away and her father is making his first New York appearance in 16 years.

Talking of her role in "Agnes of God," she said the subject matter and the eight performances a week were taking their toll.

"Doing this play is very upsetting, actually more so than I thought it would be. I prefer film only because it makes me less tired. This is physically and emotionally exhausting.

"I stopped crying at age two, and had never cried in a part before. Now I go on stage every night and weep."

Growing up in the show-

business community of Beverly Hills, Miss Fisher made her acting debut at the age of 13 during one of her mother's summer tours.

After high school, she appeared with Warren Beatty in her first film, "Shampoo," for which Photoplay magazine nominated her "newcomer of the year."

Declining subsequent film offers, she went to London to study acting at the Central School of Speech and Drama for two years.

When she returned to Los Angeles to audition for "Star Wars," she was happy to have the British training behind her.

"When you have to deliver lines like 'I have placed information vital to the survival of the rebellion in the memory systems of the R2 unit,' it's a lot more difficult than all that iambic pentameter stuff," Miss Fisher said.

Having had such immediate success on film, she felt it was time to get back to the stage and put

herself to a "different kind of test."

"I wanted to know if I could do it. I thought, no one really thinks I could, in terms of endurance or acting. I'd never really acted that much, though the 'Star Wars' stuff is actually hard on a certain level."

Miss Fisher is modest about her acting abilities, and honest about her shortcomings.

"I'm not someone who can feel things automatically. I have to do it by association. I find something in myself comparable to the play and get my feelings from there."

"But it's like opening Pandora's box just a little and then slamming it shut. The effort to push back down again is debilitating. It's not natural for me. I haven't learned to separate myself from my characters yet."

Critics have praised her performance in "Agnes of God" and her father says he is proud of her achievement.

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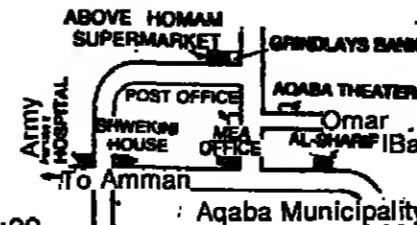
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HOME NEWS

Hassan visits conscripts school

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Tuesday visited the Royal Conscripts School.

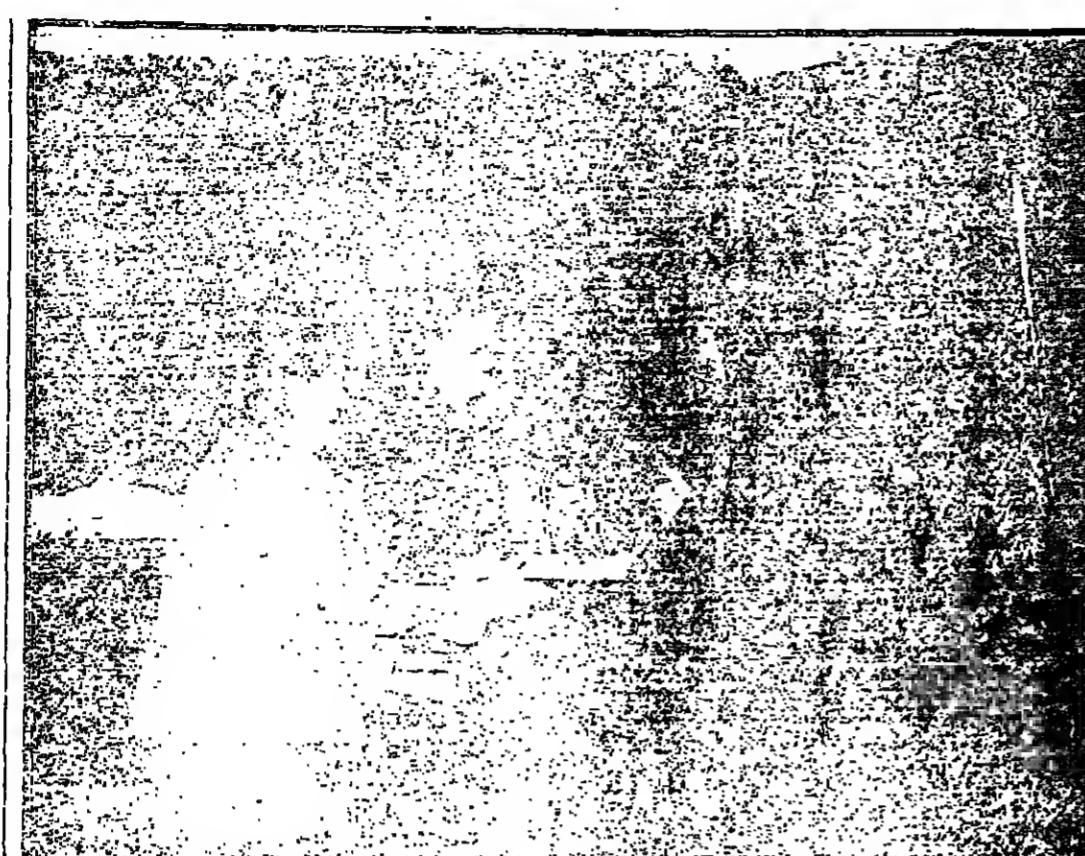
At the beginning of the visit, Prince Hassan was briefed by the school commandant on the tasks and duties of the school in training conscripts, and its efforts in preparing qualified and trained cadres for the armed forces. Prince Hassan then inspected the progress of the training operations and toured several sections of the school. He also visited the non-commissioned officers school and inspected the training there.

During his meeting with the conscripts, Prince Hassan said the armed forces are eager to develop the efficiency of the conscripts during their period of training. He also urged the youths to participate effectively in voluntary work to serve the community and to achieve its goals.

Badran approves court sentences

AMMAN (Petra) — The military governor, Mudar Badran, has approved the sentences passed by a court martial imprisoning Ibrahim Abdul Razzaq Ghannam, an Egyptian national, for three years, and Sa'id Khamis Khalid, for one year for embezzling public funds. It also sentences Taleb Mohammad Hussein and Hamden Salih Al Hamaydeh for two months and imposed a fine of JD 10 an each for offering a bribe to a public servant.

Awqaf minister informs counterparts of violations



Her Majesty Queen Noor Tuesday presents an award to one of the 33 outstanding business and professional women, with Minister of Social Development In'am Al Mufti (left) in attendance. (Petra photo)

Noor opens photographic exhibit

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor opened the amateur photography club's first photographic exhibition at the Alia Art Gallery Monday.

In all 123 photographs were exhibited by 50 club members. The receipts from the exhibition will be used to improve the facilities of the club.

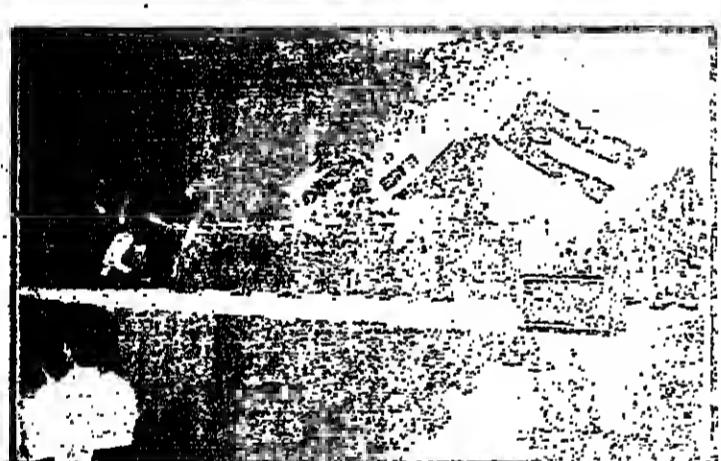
Several heads of the foreign diplomatic community attended the exhibition along with club members and the public.

AMMAN (Petra) — Avdat and Islamic Affairs Minister Khalid Al Sharif Tuesday sent an urgent message to all the Arab and members of the Arab and Muslim countries as well as to the heads of Islamic organisations informing them of Israel's recurrent violations of the Islamic holy places in the occupied territories.

Mr. Sharif said in his message that the Israeli occupation authorities have recently expropriated 200 dunums of West Bank land and increased the number of persons denied for Jews to visit Al Aqsa mosque. Mr. Sharif stressed that this issue be raised at the highest level in the Islamic world, and said such violations are part of a plan to eliminate the Arab and Muslim presence in Palestine.

Mr. Sharif said in his message that the Israeli occupation authorities

Alia folk dance troupe returns from successful tour of UAE



The Alia Folklore Dance Troupe give a performance during their highly successful week's tour of the United Arab Emirates. (Photo Jordan Times)

Shakespeare company to perform in Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — The London Shakespeare Group will give performances of the play "Twelfth Night" in Jordan between March 16th-20th inclusive.

The performances are part of the group's eight-week tour to South Asia and the Gulf which takes in Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait and Iraq with Jordan as the last stop on the itinerary.

The main aim of the group, according to their publicity dep-

arment, is to present the plays of William Shakespeare with as much clarity as possible, and to achieve the maximum scenic effect given the limitations of travelling with only three transport containers and equipment. The group, under tour manager Howard Harrison, will line up as follows: Stephanie Beacham as Olivia, a countess; Lucy Johnson in the role of Viola, a shipwrecked lady, later disguised as Cesario; Richard Howard cast as Valentine; a courier as well as Feste, a jestler; Delena Kidd in the part of Maria; Olivia's waiting-groom; Richard Hieffer, playing Orsino, Duke of Illyria and Sir Andrew Aguecheek; Sir Toby's pageboy; John Warner cast as the captain of the wrecked ship and Malvolio, Olivia's steward; Jeremy Burnham in the dual roles of Sir Toby Belch, uncle to Olivia, and Antonio, a sea captain; and Simon Difesa-Kent plays Sebastian, Viola's twin brother.



Members of the London Shakespeare Group rehearse in readiness for their eight-week tour of the Gulf and South Asia. (Photo Jordan Times)

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The conference resumed its meeting Tuesday. A number of delegation heads made speeches, including the Iraqi Labour and Social Welfare Minister Mohammad Bakr Rasoul, who praised Jordan's support for Iraq against Iranian aggression.

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SPORTS

Australians approached to join 'rebel' rugby tour of S. Africa

SYDNEY (R) — A newspaper said Tuesday at least three present Australian rugby union test players have been approached to join a paid "rebel" tournament in South Africa.

The Sydney Morning Herald said the players refused to give details on the ground they were honour-bound not to even admit they had met the person behind the scheme for the latest bid to break an international ban on sporting contacts with South Africa over its apartheid racial policies.

Herald rugby correspondent Jim Webster said the three were from Queensland state and added it was presumed test players from New South Wales state also had been sounded out but would be

expected to remain silent.

Webster wrote he believed the tournament would involve eight teams and that it would be professional or paid. There was no confirmation of the newspaper report.

Past South African bids to break their country's international sporting isolation have involved offers of large sums of money to recruit top foreign players of various sports, including cricket and football, or soccer.

Australian rugby officials, Webster wrote, were "decidedly 'receptive'" about the tournament and its effect on rugby football. He quoted Peter Falk, deputy chairman of the Australian Rugby

Union, as saying: "Rumours have only just been circulating. We would be horrified if any Australians took part in it (a South African tournament)."

Australia's most recent captain, Mark Ella, an Aboriginal, said last week he would have nothing to do with rebel tours of South Africa.

Webster's story Tuesday said the "figure behind the tournament" scheme was closely involved with rugby in Sydney, sympathetic about South Africa's sports isolation, recently visited that country and was in the Queensland state capital of Brisbane last weekend trying to get support from the players there for a trip to South Africa.

Police, private security officers on the job

Tight security planned for Los Angeles Olympics

LOS ANGELES (Agencies) — Police and private security officers will provide security for the 1984 Olympic Games, an official said.

Diane R. Baker, an assistant director of security for the Games, declined to reveal how big the security contingent would be, but he indicated that the number of officers at the Los Angeles Games probably will exceed the 17,000 who worked at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal.

The difficult jobs

Baker told a gathering of Los Angeles County reserve peace officers that their help would be needed during the Games. Sworn law enforcement officers "will have the more difficult tasks," he said, while private security officers will be assigned to fixed posts such as gates and locker rooms.

Baker said the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee already has signed a contract with the Los Angeles Police Department and will soon have a contract with the County Sheriff's Department.

The Olympic committee will reimburse smaller police departments such as Arcadia, Pasadena and Long Beach for security for the events in their areas, Baker noted.

Start the press

Meanwhile, with the words "start the press" from U.S. President Ronald Reagan, the U.S. mint struck the first of 52 million commemorative Olympic coins expected to raise money for two Olympic committees.

U.S. mint director Donna Pope, talking with Reagan via telephone, pushed the two buttons to start the press that will strike the 50 million 1983 and 1984 silver dollar and two million 1984 gold \$10 coins.

Minted in U.S.

The coins, the first-ever Olympic commemoratives minted in the United States, are expected to raise as much as \$200 million to be divided evenly between the U.S. and Los Angeles Olympic committees. The silver dollars are the first 90 per cent silver coins minted in the United States since 1964 and the 90 per cent gold coins are

the first minted since 1934.

Although the Seoul Summer Olympics are still five and half years away, South Korea is already busy getting ready. Not only are the Koreans at work building the necessary sports facilities, they are also smartening up the Han river, which flows by the main venue for the 1988 Olympiad.

A large sports complex, featuring a 100,000-seater main stadium, a 30,000-seater hall park, an indoor swimming pool and a gymnasium, is scheduled for completion around the end of the year. Construction work started three years ago with a view to hosting the Asian Games in Seoul in 1986.

New sports complex

A few kilometres east of the main stadium, work will start this year on a new national sports complex. The complex will comprise a velodrome and three gyms for gymnastics, fencing and table tennis. An apartment complex is being built nearby as the Olympic Village for some 13,000 athletes and a press village for about 8,000 foreign newsmen expected here in 1988. These apartments will be sold for private occupancy when the Olympics are over.

No less important is an ambitious development project aimed at converting the now hopelessly polluted and desolate Han river into a beautiful river by the time foreign athletes and tourists flock to the city.

Work has just begun to change a 36-kilometre (22 miles) stretch of the venue for the 1988 Olympics.

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He also intends retaining one of his world titles at the World Championships in Moscow in October.

He won his first heavyweight world title in the 1979 World Championships beating France's Jean-Luc Rouge.

In 1981 he retained the title, holding off Grigory Verichev of the Soviet Union, and went on to win the open class by beating Wojciech Reszko of Poland.

However, a change in the rules means he will only be able to defend one of the titles in this year's championships.

An affable, solidly built fifth dan, Yamashita, 25, has won 173

matches since his last defeat in 1977.

He missed the 1980 Moscow Olympics because Japan joined a boycott over the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, but has set his sights on gold at the 1984 Los Angeles games.

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ECONOMY

Argentina suspends 'swaps' repayments

Buenos Aires (R) — Argentina has suspended indefinitely the repayment of about \$1.4 billion of its foreign debt, in a move described by private banking sources as unprecedented in Argentina's banking over the last 20 years.

The Argentine central bank said in a communiqué Monday it was suspending indefinitely the payment of "swaps", which are short term loans to the Argentine government from foreign banks, arranged through the central bank, and often involving currency exchanges between central banks.

It added that new regulations would be issued shortly, and central bank sources said they would probably be issued by the end of March.

The swaps amounted to \$1.4 billion of Argentina's total \$38.7 billion debt, the Argentine bank said in a communiqué two weeks ago.

The central bank's deferral of debt repayment coincides with pressures on the bank from the

ruling military junta to investigate the origin of the country's external debt and deal with any loans considered fraudulent.

Economy Minister Jorge Wehbe was Monday holding separate meetings with the commanders in chief of the army, navy and air force.

The air force is particularly keen to investigate the foreign debt's rapid growth from \$10 billion when the armed forces seized power in 1976 to \$38.7 billion today.

Several political leaders have charged that much of the debt incurred by Argentina between 1976 and 1981, under the administration of monetarist economy minister Mr. José Martínez de Hoz, was used to make speculative profits on Argentina's domestic financial system.

Loans made to Argentina by foreign banks for the purpose of industrial investment are reputed on occasion to have been deposited instead with banks in Argentina in order to profit from high domestic interest rates.

The air force has carried out its own investigation into the origin of the foreign debt, and is closely linked with two judicial inquiries under way to investigate alleged irregularities.

The swaps, most of which are now due for repayment in March and April, are mostly 180-day loans taken out in 1981, deferred for a further 180 days when they originally fell due during last year's conflict between Britain and Argentina over the Falkland Islands.

The central bank unilaterally extended repayment for a further 90 days last December to help Argentina overcome its external debt crisis, but banking sources said the indefinite suspension was unprecedented over the last 20 years.

The suspension of repayment swaps comes at a delicate time in Argentina's debt renegotiation talks.

The country is about to sign a \$1.5 billion medium-term loan with a consortium of 263 creditor banks,

Sydney (R) — Australia's new Labour government devalued the dollar by 10 per cent Tuesday in a move to check a big outflow of investors' money.

New Zealand — where Labour is in opposition — promptly followed by devaluing its own dollar, by six per cent so that its exports do not become more expensive than Australia's.

Robert Muldoon, New Zealand's conservative prime minister, told reporters he would have preferred not to devalue but the action had become necessary because of the Australian decision.

Australia's prime minister-elect Mr. Bob Hawke, who swept to power at the head of the Labour Party in last Saturday's general election, said the outgoing conservative coalition was to blame for the flow of about three billion (\$2.6 billion) from the country over the past few weeks.

As a result, Mr. Hawke said, he was trimming 10 per cent off the value of Australian dollar against

all major currencies, making exports of minerals and food cheaper.

He said he expects that much of the money which flowed out of the country will now return because the devaluation has made Australian stocks and shares instantly more attractive.

Mr. Hawke told a press conference after his dawn announcement that the outflow of money from Australia was the result of his Liberal-National Party opponents saying during the run-up to the election that a Labour government would automatically devalue.

In such "repentable circumstances" it was inevitable that investors would react by moving out funds, Mr. Hawke said.

The value of one Australian dollar dropped to 85 U.S. cents from 95 cents at the close of trading Monday.

The New Zealand dollar was being quoted at 65 U.S. cents after the devaluation.

Australia's move is expected to bring down interest rates, which

were being forced up as the cash outflow made funds scarce on local money markets.

Economists said Mr. Hawke's decision was not a political act but a mechanism to overcome an unusual situation caused by investors' fears that his mildly socialist government might harm the value of their investments.

Bankers and economists said there was nothing badly wrong with the Australian economy, but the inflation rate of more than 11 per cent was almost double that of its major trading partners, making it difficult for Australia to be competitive.

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In Wellington, Mr. Muldoon said he had been given advance warning Tuesday of the Australian devaluation. But he added that he would rather the move had not happened.

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, MAR. 9, 1983

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The early part of the day is best to express your talents in a direct manner. Make a point to contact those who are in a position to help you. Strive to be more successful.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Important to be where you can gain knowledge and advance in career activities. Show more devotion to family members.

T AURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Have a talk with congenial and carry through with any agreements you have made. Be alert to new opportunities. Be wise.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Figure out how to have better relations with allies. Be more willing to compromise at home for the sake of harmony.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Find a more up-to-date system for handling your obligations and you have greater efficiency and benefits.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Planning social events and recreations for the future is wise at this time. Study outlets that can give you added income.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Look into new interests through which to better express yourself. Take treatments to improve health and appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Use a new system and improve your regular routines. Go to the right sources for the information you need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Make plans that could give you more abundance in the future. Try not to argue with others in the evening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You are now able to get the backing of higher-ups in a new project you have in mind. Express happiness tonight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Making needed changes where your work is concerned will bring good results at this time. Be logical.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Discuss a personal aim with a trusted adviser who can help you gain it. Sidestep a troublemaker. Take no risks in travel.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Have serious talks with associates so that you can take advantage of new situation. Be more reassuring to loved one.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will have many fine talents and should have the advantage of a fine education to make the most of them, and the much success is possible. Give good religious training. A sports-minded person in this chart.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

OPEC continues talks

LONDON (R) — Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) oil ministers Tuesday started full-scale discussions aimed at preventing a collapse in oil prices but United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteiba said the chances of agreement were not good.

Asked about the chances of agreement on a new price and production package, he said: "not very good. I am not optimistic, now, like before. We still have lots of problems."

Asked if the Gulf states would cut prices unilaterally if there were no OPEC accord, he said: "We will do it through OPEC."

Venezuelan Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Berti said all 13

U.K. coal miners vote

LONDON (R) — Britain's 200,000 coal miners vote Tuesday on whether to stage a nationwide strike over the closure of a single pit after being told by militant union leader Mr. Arthur Scargill they must fight or see their industry destroyed.

Miners fear he will repeat the cutbacks he has imposed in the steel industry where he has slashed the work force by half.

Mr. Scargill, determined to challenge Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, declared Monday night that "the plan of this government is to destroy this industry."

Mr. Scargill urged miners to stand up and be counted by endorsing a strike and promised a "short, sharp dispute."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Major grain exporters to meet

WASHINGTON (R) — Government policymakers from the five major grain exporting countries plan to meet at the end of April. The United States will host the meeting, set for April 26-28, a spokesman for U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block said Monday. The regularly held talks also include high-level officials from Argentina, Australia, Canada, and the European Community and involve discussions about world supply and demand prospects.

Belgium raises bank rate to 14 %

BRUSSELS (R) — Belgium Tuesday raised its bank rate by 2.5 percentage points to 14 per cent in an urgent move to counter strong pressure against the Belgian franc with the European Monetary System. (EMIS)

Irish unemployment soars

DUBLIN (R) — The Irish government, struggling to cope with severe economic problems, Monday reported that unemployment rose to a record 14.7 per cent of the work force last month. The government said it viewed the increase — from 187,006 in January to 188,355 in February — with grave concern.

Peru requests deferment of debt

NEW YORK (R) — Peruvian officials announced here Monday that they had requested a deferment of debt principal payments due to banks and a new \$300 million bank loan. A statement said officials outlined a four-part bank financing programme to 120 commercial banks at a meeting here.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The market closed easier after the UAE Oil Minister Oteiba cast doubts about an agreement at the OPEC meeting being held here and at 1500 the F.T. index was down 1.8 at 664.3.

The mid February U.K. banking statistics were better than expected and limited the fall in government bonds to about 1/4.

Losses among equity leaders ranged to about 8p, but banks met reduced demand helped by the encouraging results Monday from Barclays, dealers said.

Gold shares closed lower with the bullion price while North American stocks traded mixed.

In banks, Lloyds rose 27p to 505 and Natwest added 23p to 571. Midland and Barclays rose 16p and 12p respectively.

Beecham and Unilever were again higher on currency influences and rose 13p and 10p but most other leaders declined with Plessey down 8p at 579, B.P. 6p off at 312 and Distillers 6p lower at 229.

Bet and L.C. gas rose 4p and 5p on hid speculation and elsewhere, Australians eased despite the higher trend in Sydney which followed the Australian dollar devaluation.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

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	2.6510/20	Swiss francs	29 Yellow
	2.0480/0500	Belgian francs	flowing shrub
	47.12/17	French francs	30 Works with
	6.8200/8400	Italian lire	dough
	1415.00/1417.00	Japanese yen	32 French
	237.25/40	Swedish crowns	income
	7.4340/90	Norwegian crowns	33 Dutch
	7.1375/1425	Danish crowns	painter
	8.5950/6050	U.S. dollars	36 Turner or
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THE Daily Crossword

by Madeline Miller

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Pope deplores hasty killings in Guatemala

JEGUCIGALPA (R) — Pope John Paul II has declared again his dismay at the execution of six alleged leftist rebels in Guatemala despite a plea that their death sentences be commuted.

A Vatican spokesman said that at a meeting with President Efrain Rios Montt before leaving for Honduras the Pope expressed his "immense pain and consternation" at the execution by firing squad of the six men who had been convicted last month by a secret military tribunal of kidnapping and "acts of terrorism."

They were executed on Thursday in Guatemala City just as Pope John Paul II was beginning his eight-nation tour of Central America and Haiti.

Shortly before the Pope arrived in Central America, a papal nuncio had appealed for the sentences to be set aside.

The Pope met the Guatemala's Protestant president shortly before leaving for Tegucigalpa at the close of his greeting sight-visit.

Little was disclosed of their U.S. but Vatican spokesman Fulvio Romeo Penciroli said the Pontiff expressed his profound concern for all those who had died violently in Guatemala.

The Pope flies to Tegucigalpa

from Guatemala, where he drove over a five-kilometre mat of flowers and fresh fruit to the largest and most effusive welcome so far on his tour.

He told one million Guatemalans, whose military government is locked in a ruthless war against leftist guerrillas, that murder, torture and abduction were gravely offensive to God.

The Pope returns to Guatemala City Tuesday night and flies Wednesday to Belize and Haiti Wednesday, on the last leg of his grueling tour.

Amnesty warning

LONDON (R) — Amnesty International said it feared up to 15 people convicted by Guatemalan military tribunals might face execution in the next few days.

A spokesman said the human rights group did not have positive confirmation that more executions were imminent, but reporters received in London that up to 15 people might die soon were strong enough to cause alarm.

He said those now believed to be in danger had been convicted by military tribunals which fell far below international standards for a fair trial.

Elgin marbles to stay in U.K.

LONDON (R) — A government minister has rejected demands that the Elgin marbles, which were cut from the Parthenon temple in Athens by a British peer in 1801, be returned to Greece.

Lord Attlee Paul Channon, who was replying to questions in parliament, said the British Museum should be allowed to keep the marbles to "conserve its most famous exhibit."

But Mr. Channon told parliament that "the Elgin marbles were legally obtained and it remains the government's view they should remain in the British Museum."

British Labour jars consensus

LONDON (R) — Britain's Labour opposition, breaking with seven years of cross-party consensus, has voted against retaining special police powers to combat Irish nationalists in England.

The special powers, renewed annually since they were enacted under a Labour government in 1976, were prolonged for another year Monday night by a House of Commons vote of 217 to 129.

But Conservative Home Secretary William Whitelaw, the cabinet minister responsible for law enforcement, told parliament the government plans to reduct its anti-terrorism laws this year.

The 1976 act, introduced after the bombing of a Birmingham public house killed 21 people, permits police to detain suspected terrorists for up to seven days.

Labour's spokesman on police matters, Roy Hattersley, said the act "gives the terrorist the sort of propaganda they want to recruit basically decent people to their side by saying that the Irish are treated in an unacceptable way."

3 Georgian policemen fired

MOSCOW (R) — The authorities in Soviet Georgia have announced the sacking of three police officers in a new drive against bribery and graft there.

A report carried by the Georgian Communist Party daily *Zarya Sovetskogo Soyuza* of the East said the treatment of the three, including a criminal investigation chief, was meant to serve as an example to other law enforcement officials.

One of the policemen was fired for electing bribes to bush up the rape of a 13-year-old girl, another for turning a blind eye to burglaries in return for apparent pay-offs. The third was dismissed for shady dealings with known criminals.

Georgia has one of the worst crime and corruption records in the Soviet Union.

The report on the sackings followed accounts in *Zarya Vostoka* of the trials of two Georgian gang chiefs who apparently had many policemen in their pay.

At the weekend Soviet television showed an hour-long programme featuring Georgian party chief Edward Shevardnadze and other officials discussing the need to crack down on crime in the Caucasian republic.

The rules, which take effect on March 21, resulted from an eight-month review by the Justice Department. Attorney General William French Smith told a press conference.

The 1976 regulations, which

were more restrictive, were prompted by disclosures of abuses of power by the FBI, such as use of illegal wiretaps and so-called "black bag" jobs in which agents broke into the homes of dissidents to collect information.

But conservatives in and outside the government have said that the pendulum has swung too far in favour of protecting civil liberties, needlessly hampering investigators.

Mr. Smith said that in the past seven years domestic terrorist groups had become more sophisticated.

The administration therefore would use the standards presently adopted in the investigation of organised crime operations. Mr.

SECRET BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN

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I ♠ Pass 1 NT?

What action do you take?

Q ♠ — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

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The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

Q ♠ — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

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North East South West

1 ♠ 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠

What action do you take?

Q ♠ — As South, vulnerable, you hold:

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What action do you take?

Q ♠ — East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

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The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

Harare rejects claims

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe (R) — Zimbabwe's government has claimed success for an anti-rebel military operation in the country's second city of Bulawayo, but the opposition has alleged it amounted to murder and oppression.

Director of Information Justin Nyoka told reporters Monday night that a three-day search for anti-government rebels and arms in Bulawayo had been very successful.

He dismissed assertions by opposition leader Joshua Nkomo, 65, that the operation was aimed at killing him and destroying his ZAPU Party in preparation for the creation of a one-party state. "Nkomo is hysterical," he said. "If we wanted to kill him would it be difficult? I'm sure Nkomo knows there is mounting evidence against him from dissidents captured in the weekend operation."

The government of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe accuses ZAPU of hacking rebels in order to stage a coup and bring about the secession of the southwestern province of Matabeleland, last Saturday before dawn.

Parish priests in Bulawayo told Reuters Monday that young men and demobilised soldiers were being seized by troops. Former guerrillas loyal to ZAPU in the Rhodesian Civil War which preceded Zimbabwe's independence in 1980 were particularly susceptible to arrest, they said.

There was still a heavy military presence in many areas of Bulawayo Monday night and foreign reporters found it difficult to move around.

Two television crews—one British and one West German—were detained for almost six hours without explanation Monday after they stumbled across a Fifth Brigade sweep by almost 1,000 troops in a suburb.

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He first startled the musical

world in 1923 with "Façade"

which he wrote to go with Edith

Sitwell's poems. It was a musical

parody, brimming over with

hum